

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council does recognize and congratulate the following recipients of the 2003 eighth annual Peace and Justice Awards:

The 10 artists who have devoted their art to interrupting bias and violence and celebrating the cultures of diverse communities and the culture of peace:

- A Besere Velt (A Better World): Yiddish Community Chorus of the Workmen's Circle for their gift of Yiddish music and Jewish traditions of justice to communities around Boston including the annual Cambridge Holocaust Commemoration evening;
- Cambridge visual artist Judy McKie who created the Garden of Peace Project in the memory of her 21-year-old son who was murdered and all murder victims "to affect change so this won't happen again";
- The Teen Media Program of the Community Art Center for representing youth bringing their views and voices on violence and injustice into award-winning videos;
- Tontongi, a local Haitian poet, who organized other artists for "Cabarets for Peace";
- Promoter Nina LaNegra who has orchestrated cultural evenings, media work and MCing to highlight social justice;
- Rafael Medina who worked with Mama Gaia's to create coffee house evenings with music and education for peace and justice with a social emphasis on the Latino communities;
- Underground Railway Theater for its productions such as "How Do You Spell Hope?" which combine dazzling sets, puppetry and theater to promote anti-bias and inclusion;
- Richard Cambridge who has been bringing poetry with meaning to Cambridge audiences for decades and inspires evenings at Passim's and citywide;
- CRLS graduate Amatul Hannan and theater troop Dagger for their use of spoken word, improvisation and revolutionary creativity to highlight the scourges of injustice, homophobia and violence; and
- Cambridge's cable access station, CCTV, which has opened its studios to voices of all of Cambridge and created a series of programs looking at civil liberty infringements, local effects of global issues and creating alternatives;

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulates the Cambridge Peace Commission for the evening event with refreshments and light food donated by many Cambridge restaurants and the program of presentations to the honorees and performances with Laura "Soul" Brown, Underground Railway Theater, Dagger, and A Besere Velt between 7 and 9 P.M. followed by dancing to Beats not Bombs DJ Ben Yamin; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Peace Commission and the winners of the 2003 Peace and Justice Awards on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 20, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-113.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to many who volunteer their time and energy to create more peaceful and safe communities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many organizations and individuals promoting issues of justice both at the local level and globally; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission has created Peace and Justice Awards which recognize local activists "youth, elders, activists, "inspirers" and "survivors" - people who are role models - individuals or programs who keep "their eyes on the prize", life long peace and justice makers as well as those among us whose daily lives may be inspirations to their community; and

WHEREAS: Since September 11, the United States has been involved with intensified issues of violence and war; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has taken measures to question the USA PATRIOT Act and support alternatives to war and many community groups have emerged to challenge the use of war and offer approaches to support a culture of peace; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to a large artist community dedicated to creating alternatives to violence and bias, making Cambridge a safer more inclusive community and opposing war through expressions of theater, music, poetry, and visual art; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission has chosen to honor these peacemakers at the Peace and Justice Awards on Saturday, October 25 at the Episcopal Divinity School; now therefore be it

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RESOLUTION #113

Congratulating the individual recipients of the Cambridge Peace Commission's 2003 Eighth Annual Peace and Justice Awards, which will be given at a ceremony on Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 7-9 P.M. at the Episcopal Divinity School.

Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Galluccio and entire membership

In City Council October 20, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED